

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Baltimore City
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME	
COMMON:	
St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	
St. John's Church, Huntingdon	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
3009 Greenmount Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
Baltimore		Seventh	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland	24	Baltimore City	510

3. CLASSIFICATION	
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
STATUS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME:	
The Vestry of St. John's, P. E. Church, Huntingdon	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
3009 Greenmount Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:
Baltimore	Maryland
	CODE
	24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:	
Hall of Records	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
St. John's College Campus	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:
Annapolis	Maryland
	CODE
	24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY:	
DATE OF SURVEY:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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² Ibid., p.3.

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1847 and 1868

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church of Huntingdon, situated at the corner of York Road and Old York Road in Waverly was founded in 1843. The name Huntingdon derives from the early community laid out on land originally granted to Tobias Starnboro in 1688 and known as "Huntingdon." This name was changed to Waverly in 1881 as a result of its rapid growth in the 19th century and the establishment of a post office there.

The first regular services were held in a stone building located thirty yards southwest of the present church and known as The Barracks, a powder magazine and post for Federal troops. The Reverend W. A. Hewitt was sent to the village by Bishop William R. Whittingham at the request of Thomas A. Hart who wished to have some of his grandchildren baptized. As a result, a vestry was incorporated on July 10, 1844, and in the succeeding August, The Barracks property was purchased by the Charles C. Gibson family from the federal government for \$12,000 and presented to the congregation. In 1845, Mr. Hewitt became the rector and on April 22, 1847, the cornerstone of the church was laid.

In January, 1849, Doctor W. T. Wilson purchased a lot adjoining the churchyard on the south and erected a parish school building at his own expense. This school was well attended until the public school system became popular and it was finally closed in 1902. The building is still standing and in use for offices and a parish hall.

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Prominent among the parishoners of St. John's were Jacob Aull, a builder, who constructed many of the fine homes in the original Huntingdon community. Mr. Aull published a book, Baltimore Landmarks, in 1843 in which were pictured many of the nearby structures, including The Barracks.

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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE	
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COUNTY	
Baltimore City	
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(Number all entries)

St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church

No. 8. Significance continued.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

J. Thomas Scharf. History of Baltimore City and Baltimore County. Louis H. Evarts. (Philadelphia, 1881), p.888.

Phoebe B. Stanton. The Gothic Revival and American Church Architecture. The Johns Hopkins Press. (Baltimore, 1968), pp.3, 274.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	39°	19'	31"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	76°	36'	33"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: five acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		DATE	
<u>Catharine F. Black</u>		<u>mh</u>	
ORGANIZATION		DATE	
<u>Maryland Historical Trust</u>		<u>May 11, 1973</u>	
STREET AND NUMBER:			
<u>2525 Riva Road</u>			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE	CODE
<u>Annapolis</u>		<u>Maryland</u>	<u>24</u>

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name

Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Preservation Officer for Maryland

Date July 2, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

5662' NW
(COCKEYSVILLE)

76°37'30"
39°22'30" ☐



39° 19' 31"
76° 36' 33"

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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PROPERTY MAP FORM
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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Episcopal Church

AND/OR HISTORIC

St. John's Church, Huntington

NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)

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Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore City

TOWN

Baltimore

STREET AND NUMBER

3009 Greenmount Avenue

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

Deborah Ann Claiborne

DATE

May, 1973

SCALE

Commission for Historical
and Architectural Preservation
402 City Hall,
Baltimore, Maryland

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.

Southeast view



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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY B-3731

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HISTORIC

St. John's Church, Huntingdon

AND/OR COMMON

St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3009 Greenmount Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERICAL
☒ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

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CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

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Hall of Records

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1977

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
19th century		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1847-1858

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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Stanton, Phoebe B., The Gothic Revival and American Church Architecture, Baltimore
 CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (1968).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michelle Belco, Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

DATE

1977

STREET & NUMBER

100 N. Holliday Street

TELEPHONE

396-4866

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

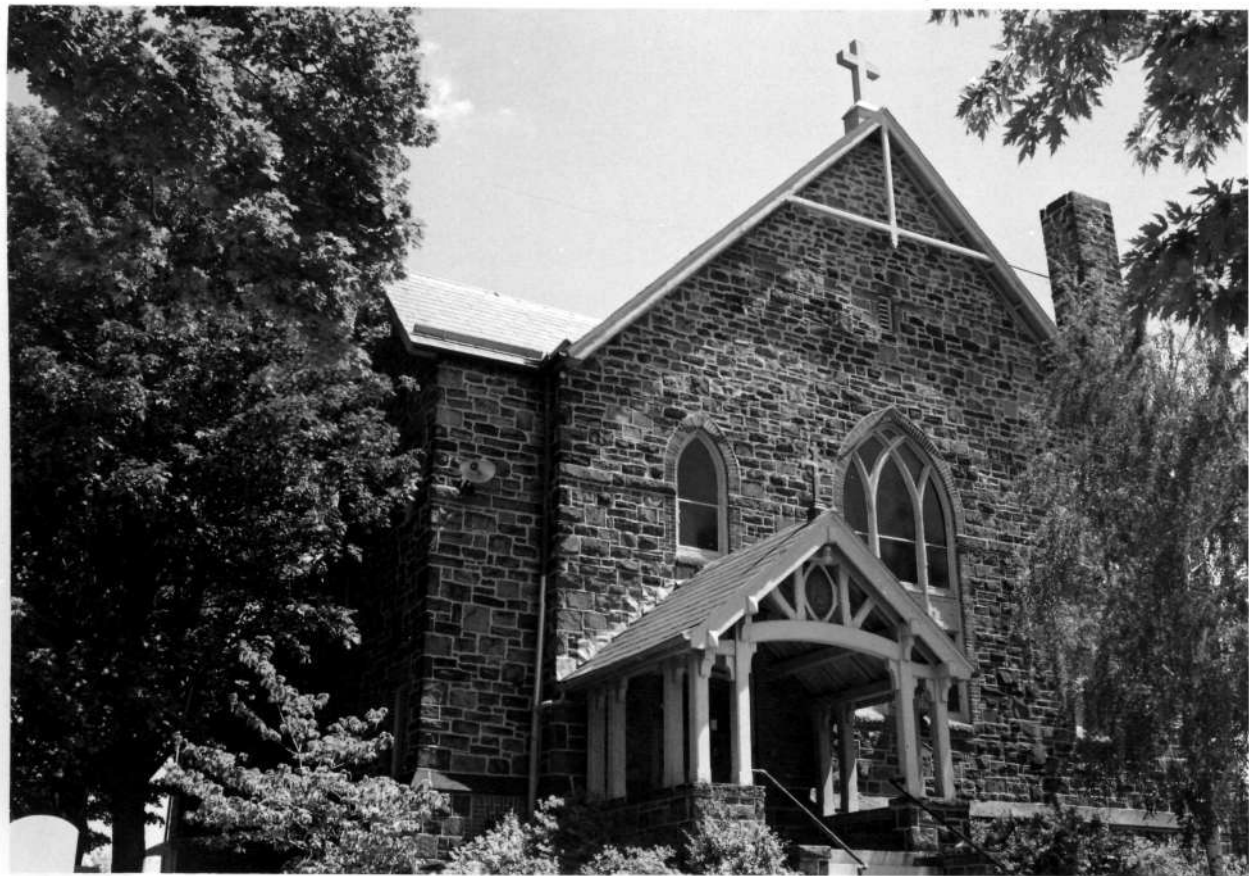
Question 8, Continued

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St. John's Church, Huntingdon

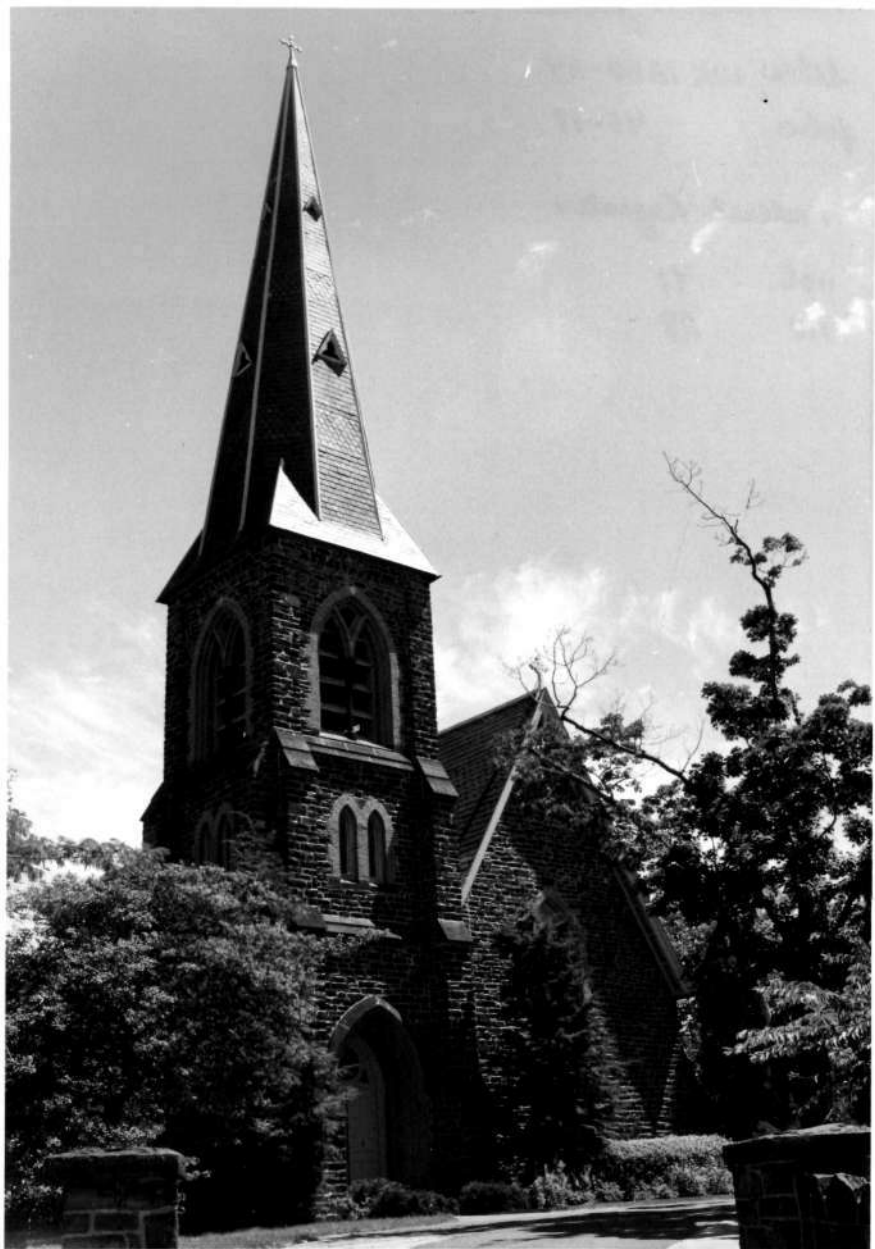


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St. John's School Greenmount



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Federal Register

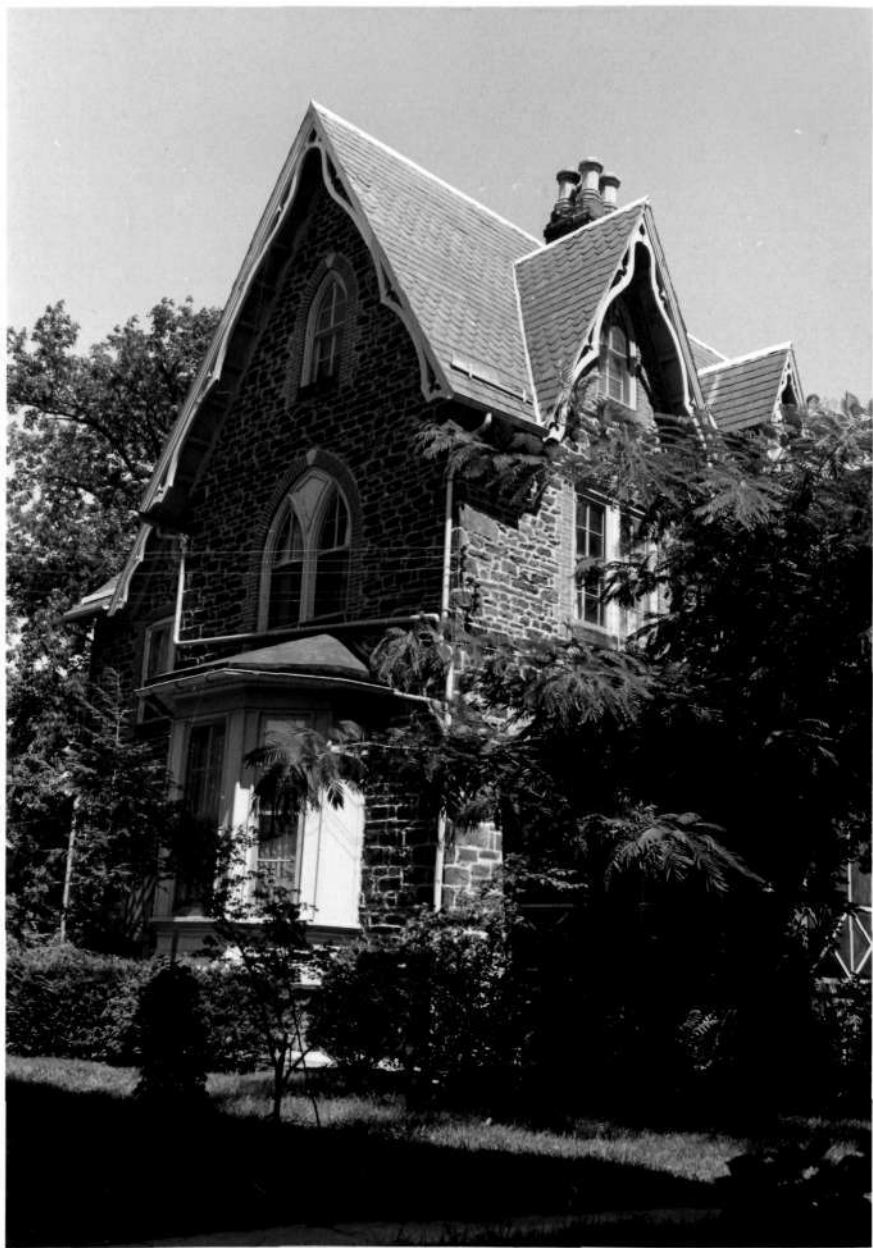
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